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A New Circumcision Device

A Preliminary Report

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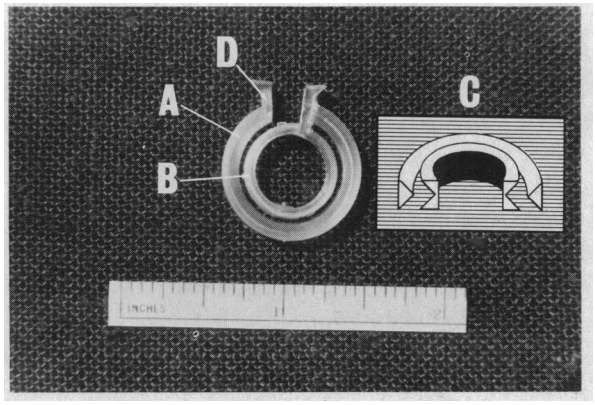
A NEW, disposable circumcision clamp* made of butyrate plastic has been used in the circumcision of 40 infants, the operation taking usually less than one minute.

The clamp (see illustration) consists of two rings, one encircling the other, which are attached at one point. The outer ring (A) is flexible, the inner ring (B) rigid (inset in illustration). The inner surface of the outer ring is V-shaped in cross-section and the inner ring has a matching V-shaped groove on its outer surface (C). Between the two rings is just enough space to receive the foreskin. Attached to the outside ring are two small knobs (D) which, when drawn together and clamped, hold the outer ring snugly against the inner, hemostatically compressing the foreskin between them.



Circumcision is performed by making the usual dorsal slit and then slipping the ring around the foreskin and down to the base of the glans. The knobs are then tied together and the redundant foreskin is excised. As with currently used plastic clamps, this device remains in place and usually falls off within one week, leaving a healed circumcision wound.

In the 40 operations there were no complications such as hemorrhage or infection. The great advantage of this device over other currently used plastic clamps is that with it circumcision can usually be performed in less than one minute.

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